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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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3. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
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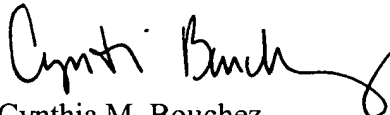
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